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# **Speaker shares experiences from Black Panther Party**



Dr. Alice Catherine-Carls, Kathleen Cleaver, and Deborah Williams-Boyd discuss Cleaver's role in the Black Panter Party as part of the annual Civil Rights Conference (Pacer Photos/Melissa Kimble).

Melissa Kimble Pacer Writer

In life, few people receive the opportunity to meet an influential figure who has left their mark on history.

On Thursday Feb. 28, the UTM campus was introduced to such a figure, Dr. Kathleen Cleaver, at the Annual Civil Rights Conference. Cleaver, a former member of the Black Panther Party, was the keynote speaker for this event.

UTM professor Dr. David Barber, an organizer of the conference, introduced the speaker and stated the importance of her role to the Black Freedom movement.

Barnard College in the midsixties and her attraction to the Black Panther Party was initiated by her involvement with Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) in 1967, in which she was a member. She quit school, and worked full time for SNCC.

Shewasacommunications secretary for the Black Panther Party which was a very public role. However, Cleaver was modest about her role in the party. "We were just organizers," she said. "Allegations of being leaders came later on."

Cleaver focused on community. The program goal of SNCC was to use Black Freedom movement. the resources on campus—See 'Civil Rights' on Page 6
Cleaver studied at to help others in the

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community who didn't have any resources available to them. She is a part of the Tennessee community with her father's family being from Chattanooga. Both of her parents were a part of the Civil Rights movement, so social injustice and activism was instilled in Cleaver from early on.

In the keynote address, Cleaver quickly made it a point to describe how to look at the struggle of the movement and how it is perceived. She stated that the Civil Rights movement is perceived as being a good thing and that "black power" is perceived as a bad thing even though

## University endorses sustainable toilets

Jon-Michael St. Amant Pacer Writer

The university gave a nod of support Monday to legislation passed last week by the Student Government Association encouraging sustainable restrooms– with waterless urinals and air hand dryers—in UTM buildings under construc-

Al Hooten, vice chancellor for finance and administration, said tight funding may limit the "green" restrooms to new construction only, rather than retrofitting existing bathrooms.

"Probably the only time we would address it would be remodels," Hooten said. "We have no specific appropriations for this sort of thing. You can't just pull one (urinal) off and put another one on. You have to do work with plumbing and stuff like that so it is usually best done when remodeling."

If the university gets any funding for sustainable development, Hooten said UTM will move forward with plans to retrofit.

Hooten said that in the past, waterless urinals had a negative connotation because of the odor given off by the pads used. He said the technology has come a long way regarding this issue and it is now more feasible.

The SGA legislation specifically calls for hand dryers and waterless urinals and was proposed by Eric Lipford, Campus **Observation Committee** chairman.

The goal of this legislation was to reduce the university's water bill and make campus buildings more environmentally friendly.

"I feel as though there are constant efforts across our campus to promote more recycling," Lipford said in an e-mail interview. "As for the hand towels I have been told there is no way to recycle these, so the most reasonable option would be to replace these at the appropriate times. As for the waterless urinals, on

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# SGA to vote on anti-discrimination for sexual orientation

Will York Senior Reporter

The Student Government Association is poised to vote this week on a resolution that would add sexual orientation and gender identity to UT Martin's anti-discrimination clause, Sen. Brittany McGruder

said Monday. McGruder, chairwoman of the Senate Communications Committee, and Rebecca Multicultural Weaver, Affairs Committee chairwoman, are sponsoring the resolution scheduled for a Senate vote on Thursday.

"This is something we've found that students who have come to SGA have been saying for years," McGruder said. "We decided it was time for it to happen at UT Martin."

McGruder acknowledged the resolution—which she said would help attract and retain more diverse students and faculty wouldn't end with SGA's vote, because the anti-discrimination clause is under administrators' control.

"We know this is something (administrators) have talked about in the past," she said. "We're hoping to jump-start the discussion with our legislation to make it a relevant issue on the campus."

McGruder is "really positive" that the Senate will pass the resolution, especially in light of recent successes at UTM's sister institution, the University

of Tennessee at Knoxville.

UTK added sexual orientation to its nondiscrimination clause for hiring faculty in 2007, and UTK's Student Senate passed a resolution last February seeking similar wording in a policy for students.

Each campus within the University of Tennessee system is free to set its own policy. "I think sometimes it is so

easy for people to get caught up in what they can do that they forget about what they should do," McGruder said. "This legislation is good for UT Martin and a very positive step toward our future as a university."

Morgan Greenhaw, the president of Allies, a student group that lobbies for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender equality issues, said the failure to mention gay and transgender students in the university's nondiscrimination clause is tantamount to the violation of students' civil rights.

"This is very necessary," Greenhaw said. "I've made an effort to get something like this worked on, but it never gained a lot of ground. I think it might be because the values in this area are that being GLBT is taboo."

Greenhaw credits UTK's new policy with inciting UTM to action.

She said the change would remind faculty and students that gay people study here.

ators don't think there are

any GLBT people in their

constituencies," Greenhaw

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said. "Of course, that's not true." The federal nondiscrimi-

nation clause—based on the Civil Rights Act of 1964does not include sexual orientation or gender identity. But numerous businesses, universities and local governments have supplemented their policies to include protection for gays, lesbians, bisexuals and the transgendered.

Morgan Owen, director of the Baptist Collegiate Ministry, said SGA and the university would be overstepping their bounds by adding to the nondiscrimination policy.

"It seems that (sexual orientation and gender identity) is not something the government has addressed, so therefore it should not "I know some of our sen-necessarily be addressed by

the university, but instead by the government," Owen said. "From a religious standpoint, we view sin as sin, but from the university's standpoint, we have to follow what the government says.

Justin Westmoreland, campus minister of the Reformed University Fellowship, said his Christian group doesn't endorse policies.

"For us, the issue isn't being not gay or gay,' Westmoreland said, how do I become right with God and how do I fit into his church."

regrets the anti-gay stigma often associated with churches in the South. "It grieves me that there's

Westmoreland said he

so much animosity in churches related to homosexuality," he said.

A movement in the mid-1990s to add sexual orientation to the university's nondiscrimination policy failed to gain traction, with one Faculty Senate president saying, "UTM doesn't have any problems along those lines."

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English professor Neil Graves, who lobbied the Faculty Senate in the '90s on the issue, said Monday that a ground-up approach by student government to change the university's policy may be more effective.

"I've learned over the vears students have real power," Graves said. "It's really one of those things where over the years you can build a collective will. Having such a guarantee (for nondiscrimination) codified does tend to let people-including prospective students and staff members—know where the institution stands, and that's

## Coleman: Text-messaging alert system a success so tar

**Heather Peterson** Pacer Writer

In light of the success of text-messaging notification systems during recent emergencies at universities across the country, more and more universities are exploring the possibilities of adding text-messaging to their methods of contact students with timely information.

"The benefits of using the emergency text-messaging notification system include not being limited by using a land-line and that so many people use and carry a cell

phone we will be able to reach more students," UTM Department of Public Safety Captain Ray Coleman said. A possible problem that

may come about by using text-messaging is the possibility of a storm knocking down cell phone towers. "We would not be with-

out notification," Coleman said. "There is a multifaceted network in place, and there would still be other methods used to ensure the safety of faculty and students."

"Our system is already in place and running with around 2,500 staff and students signed up," Coleman said. The system is tested three times a year during the fall, spring and summer terms. It has been used twice this semester, both times because of tornadoes in our area."

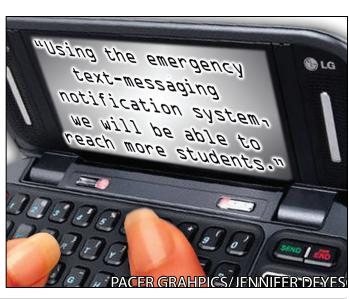
Instead of contracting for the service, UTM's IT department created the notification system. "Our IT department creat-

ed this system and it works wonderfully. They really deserve a lot of credit for working so hard on this," says Coleman.

UTM is on par with the other universities in the area. The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga is still in the testing phase. According to UTC Chief of Police Robert Ratchford, UTC is "still trying to get the bugs out of the system."

UTC contracted out with Rave Wireless to get the text-messaging notification system. "We have done some tests

between the staff and Rave Wireless. We are trying to get all the kinks out before we offer the option to the students," says Ratchford."



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Our View

## **Editorial:**

### Anti-discrimination clause needed

anyone noticed that Chris ■ Sanders, president of the Tennessee Equality Project, spoke to students and faculty last week about how the struggle for gay rights fits within the greater framework of civil rights.

Sanders spoke during the campuswide Civil Rights Conference, but turnout was miserably low, especially compared with more high-profile events like the keynote speaker, who was active in the fight for racial equality 40 years ago.

The Pacer recalls that it was not popular to support racial equality in the 60s—especially in the South-despite society's widespread support of black-white equality in this

But 40 years out, a new struggle has emerged—this time for equality for gay people.

Churches and conservatives raged against equality for blacks then, and they're doing the same to gays now.

But now, the Student Government Association and administrators have the opportunity to reject hate and bias and eradicate forever the possibility of turning away top-notch students and faculty simply because of whom they enter romantic relationships with.

Every public college in Kentucky has incorporated sexual orientation into their nondiscrimination clauses-with the last being our neighbor 35 miles to the north, Murray State.

One barrier at Murray was from a family alliance group that said sexual orientation nondiscrimination is a slippery slope toward pedophilia.

Does UT Martin believe in that brand of bigotry? Or is this public university also brainwashed by churches on power trips?

It is time that a university that says it values diversity to put its values where its talk is.

Either this university will continue to send mixed messages to students and faculty who happen to be gay, bisexual, lesbian and transgendered, or they will clarify-to us and to the world—that it believes in the equality it says it does.

But talk is indeed cheap. An anti-discrimination clause, while certainly laudable, still falls short of true equality.

The struggle for true equality for all will be incomplete until gay faculty members also can benefit from domestic partnership benefits.

Because in light of last week's Civil Rights Conference, all people deserve equal treatment.

## The Pummeling Pen

Sara M. McIntosh, Viewpoints Editor







## **Letter to the Editor**

#### **Art ignored by The Pacer**

I am highly disappointed in your representation of the arts at UT Martin. In several issues of The Pacer, a full page spread of some random entertainment topic has taken the front page of the "Arts and Entertainment" section as if there is nothing to note about the arts on campus.

The Pacer has all but disconnected itself with a large percentage of students that work very hard to bring the arts to others. Actors, artists, musicians and dancers have all taken a backseat to the aforementioned full page spreads. For example, the Vanguard Theatre Production, "A Murder is Announced," opens and runs through this week (week of Feb. 26, 2008). The Pacer moved this story to the back page of the Arts and Entertainment section as a side note to "5 ways to leap into your extra day." Are you not proud of the students and faculty that have worked intensely to bring this story to the stage?

Another side note in the Arts and Entertainment section, stuffed above a half page of advertisements, were two photographs from a Senior Art Exhibitmy senior art exhibit and Stephanie Smoyer's senior art exhibit. Not only did The Pacer mention as little as possible about the art, it failed to mention where the exhibit was. These exhibits do not just appear on the walls of the Fine Arts Building; they take time to prepare, plan and ultimately exhibit. The tiny news bit that has been allotted to these exhibits is not acceptable. Are you, again, not proud of the students (and visiting artists) that work passionately to share their art with others?

Most of all, I am disappointed in the lack of acknowledgment The Pacer has given to the arts that are really happening on campus.

> **Jody Stokes** Art Education Humboldt

#### Technology: A knowledge hindrance or gateway?



Ashley **Totty** Guest Columnist

If I asked you right now to tell me the phone numbers of the three people you last called, could you do it? I am one to admit with the new technology these days I hardly memorize anything. Phone numbers get logged away in the contact book in my cell phone, I am alerted to birthdays by Facebook and my homework is on a to do list on my desktop.

With the information age in full swing, it isn't odd to wonder if people may be losing skills due to the new technology. While children are still requested to memorize times tables and learn elementary math, they are taught almost as the first thing on how to use a calculator. Who needs to know how to do the quadratic formula when you can just type the equation into a program and have a calculator solve it for you?

Times tables, phone num-

bers, addresses and dates are logged away in a device no bigger than my palm, and I trust it to hold that information until I need it to be recalled. I sadly admit that when I am not sure on spelling, I check T9 word or dictionary.com.

We rely heavily on technology in this age, and times are changing to require we learn less with memorization and more on how to work the technology. A student now-a-days is more likely to be able to spout off HTML code than to be able to tell you the preamble to the constitu-

Everything we don't know is right at our fingertips, yet technology does not seem to be reaching full potential. Our culture has endless learning possibilities, yet if I asked anyone with a computer, I am positive that the only education they are gaining for technology is required by their classes. I for one am guilty of just that, but I hope to change and take full advantage of technology without losing my own

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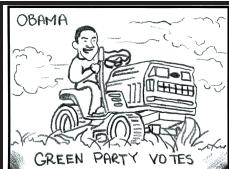


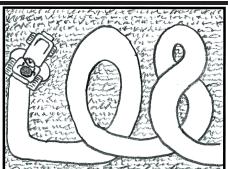


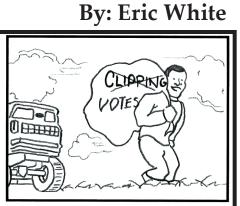


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## In the Counselor's Corner: "Are You Listening?"

Do you remember the last time someone really listened to you? Something was bothering you, and your friend or partner turned off the cell phone, took out the earbuds, put down the book and truly tuned in to what you were saying. Do you remember how good that felt? Maybe even better than eating chocolate?

Listening is a true gift you can give another person. When someone takes the time and energy to pay attention to us, we feel cared for, important and special. When people describe the experience of making a new friend or falling in love, they emphasize that "click" that happens when we feel understood by another.

Here's a secret: If you are a skillful listener, people will think you are a brilliant conversationalist, even if you say very little. Ask a few questions and listen thoughtfully to the answers, and people will find you likeable and intelligent. A skillful listener maintains good eye contact, nods and makes facial expressions that indicate empathy, and uses reflective statements to show that he or she "gets it." For example, when your friend tells you in great detail



Dr. Jennifer Levy-Peck, Director of Counseling Center

how difficult her Math exam was, you might say, "That sounds like a really tough test!" It's not rocket science, but it can be amazingly powerful to just show that you heard what your friend said.

Many times, people avoid interacting with friends who have lost a loved one or undergone a crisis like a divorce or break-up because "I just don't know what to say." The truth is, you don't really have to say much of anything. Just listen and try to really be present with your friend. Use "open-ended" questions, not ones with a yes or no answer. For example, say "I know this has been a hard time for you. How are you doing? I really want to know." Don't say, "Are you doing okay/alright?" Your friend is likely to say "yes" just because it is not clear whether you are really willing to listen to the whole story.

Here are some roadblocks to listening:

Don't give advice

unless it is asked for. You may be trying to be helpful, but to your friend, it may seem like you are being a "know-it-all." It's also hard to give good advice unless you have already done a lot of listening, so you understand the problem thoroughly.

- Don't say, "I know exactly how you feel." You don't.
- Don't invalidate your friend's feelings: "I'm sure your boss isn't really that bad. He was just having a hard day. You are oversensitive."
- Don't try to "fix" the situation: "You should just tell your boyfriend he needs to stop doing that. I'll tell him, if you don't."

Good listening requires putting your own worries and concerns aside, being willing to acknowledge your friend's situation and feelings even if you don't agree, paying very close attention and trying to the best of your ability to see things through your friend's eyes. Think about the people you know who are great parents, wonderful partners or spouses, good friends and respected mentors. It's a good bet that they are also terrific listeners.

# 'Across the universe': A movie to be seen by all

My friends and I usually watch movies on the weekends. When I say we watch movies it's like two days of nonstop movies. These movies range from "Accepted" to "Under the Tuscan Sun." This past Sunday we went to the movie store and rented "Across the Universe," a love story based on the Beatles' music.

Let me say one thing first, I don't really care for the Beatles, just some of their music. Don't know what it is about them, it might even be that most of the music choices that I make were influenced by my father, or just some completely unfounded reason, I just don't know.

But after watching this

Kirby McBride Guest Columnist

movie I came to have a greater appreciation for more of their music. Having this newfound appreciation may come from the fact that this is one of the best movies made within the past few years. It is a love story based upon the songs that they wrote and sang during their musical

The movie follows a couple and the trials that they and their friends go through while living in the 1960s. I think that anyone who loves movies and musicals in particular should try seeing this movie, I was happily surprised with the way it was produce and the outcome of the movie.

Having watched this movie I now have a whole new appreciation for the Beatles' music, it could be because I may have never realized all the songs that they sang or that the remakes for the movie were fantastic. Either way I think people who love the Beatles and those who don't should take a night to see this movie.

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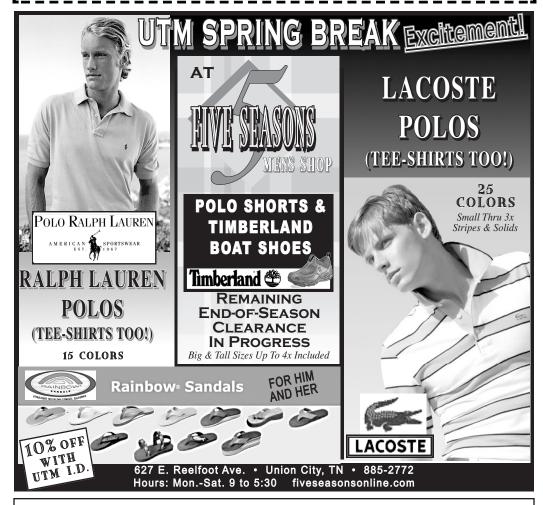
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## **Enjoying the silence brings peace**

**Heather Peterson** Guest Columnist

Silence can be deafening if you are not use to it. But it can also be calming especially after a hectic day of too many demands on my time.

However, I find it necessary for my well being to just step outside on to a balcony and just listen to the world. The sound of the wind through the leaves, or of the rain splashing helps clears my head of all the things that make me sad or frustrated.

More people I think should try this, step outside without a phone or iPod and just listen to everything. Let your mind wander and just relax, even if it is only for a few moments it really does help. I see so many people stressed to the point of snapping at people for the stupidest things. I know I'm one of them I have too many demands on time and I never seem to get a break.

It took me awhile to realize that snapping at someone for some stupid thing won't change anything, yeah I may feel better for a bit for tearing into someone but nothing changed, whatever is bothering you will still be bothering you.

Everyone seems to be running around doing so much demanding things to be done that second, we have become an instant gratification world. We want it now, we want it supersized and waiting is

a burden. When was the last time you just stopped and took a breath and did something for yourself?

I know many of you are taking mid-terms and trying to get everything ready for spring break but being so tense everyday isn't good for yourself.

I know I have no room to talk I'm one of the most tense and overwrought person most will ever meet but still even I manage to stop and breath.

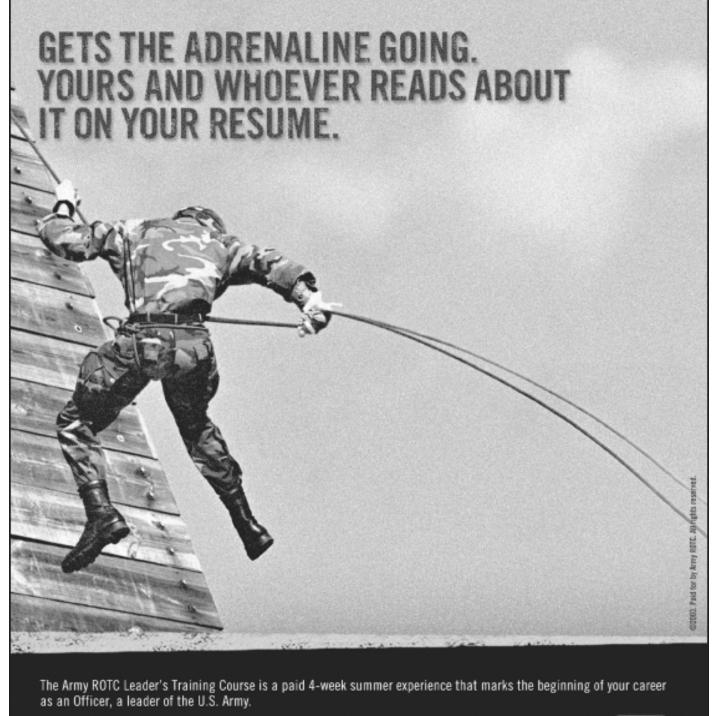
Slowly I'm learning to say no when someone asks something of me, which is actually pretty hard, I'm always the one who is willing to do almost anything for a friend or loved one.

Yet I never did anything for myself for so long that when I became sick it nearly killed me because I kept trying to please everyone.

I assure your friends won't think less of you if you don't want to go out with them one night just so you can stay home and take a bath or curl and read a book just because you want to.

Your family will understand not driving back for one weekend just so you can stay home and do nothing. You will not lose being the greatest mom or dad award if you on occasion decide to let them watch the television while you curl up and just relax.

We all need to learn just to stop and do nothing even if it's for a minute. Sometimes doing nothing is the best thing we can do.



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# Philosophy professor comments about life, science fiction and Plato

Heather Peterson Pacer Writer

More Plato please. With an office overflowing with great philosophical works one might feel intimidated walking in. That is until you see the family portraits and the drawings by his children scattered across everything. Professor Christopher Brown is anything but intimidating when you meet him: he smiles broadly and instantly makes you feel comfortable.

Brown has been teaching philosophy for the past six years at UTM but says he realizes there is more to life then a job.

"I'm happily married and have three children that I think are my real vocation. It is more important and is very fulfilling, more so then being a professor," said Brown.

Brown said that not only is reading important but that he also wished students would pick it up as a hobby much as he has him.

that can count as a hobby. When I get away from the campus I don't read philosophy. Last year my wife convinced me to read 'The Age of Innocence' and I loved it," said Brown.

Brown does more than read to relax though. He said every now and then catching up with his favorite program is a great way to relax.

"My wife and I try not to watch too much TV but we watch movies. We are avid science fiction buffs. One of our favorites is Battlestar Galactica. They talk about religious and political issues but I wish it wasn't so racy. The acting is movie quality acting and I really enjoy it," said Brown.

Music is a huge part of his life too, when Brown was in school he began with music as his career choice. He said tries to listen to music every day because it had such an impact on

"Not that this counts as a "I like to read a lot if hobby but I play as a drummer in a UTM Philosophy and History band, and I really enjoyed when we got to perform for Governors School for the Humanities this past summer. I'm not sure if it counts because I don't get to do it as often as I would like," said Brown.

Philosophy may seem like a dull subject to some but Brown is very passionate as he recalls what led him to philosophy.

"I've been passionate about philosophy since I started to question how we put the parts of ourselves together in a rational way. We are religious, we are musicians, we are artists and philosophers focus on these questions of how we rationally fit together. Greek philosophers ask these deep human questions that I have found not just fun but fulfilling," said Brown. "As a philosophy teacher I get to show students these works and some

will ask questions I have never been asked before so I get to continue to learn while I teach."

Brown had no trouble naming who has inspired him the most, answering right away.

'Saint Thomas Aquinas is who inspired me the most, I wrote my doctoral on him. He may not always be easy to read. What he says is like a puzzle. He wrote in a very careful, clear, organized elegance. It was very baroque. Every little thing he wrote is built upon like medieval cathedral lots of little details," said Brown. "Not only was he a great thinker but he was also a saint. I would not only like to be a great thinker but also a saint. He is a real role model for me."

Brown offered a final word of advice for students,"Everyone should read Plato and not stop. It has everything to do with the central character Socrates and I appreciate Socrates unending desire one amongst friends,"



to uncover the truth thoughtfully, one on

(Pacer Photo/Ryan Williams) said Brown.

# Travel study programs offer students international opportunities, fun

Matt Cook Executive Editor

The average college student thinks of spring break as a chance to either sleep in for a week or get out and travel.

UTM's Center for Global Studies and International Education works year round to help students choose the latter. The center coordinates all of UTM's travel studies, working with faculty to plan trips relevant to their teaching or personal interests and promoting those trips to students.

The first four of these trips will take place next week, as faculty lead students traveling to New York City; Orleans, Paris and London; Saltillo, Mexico; and the Bahamas.

Dr. Thomas Payne, L'Arc de Triomphe and The Dunagan Chair of Excellence in Banking and faculty leader for the Orleans, Paris and London trip, said that the spring break travel study is coordinated with his International Finance class to give students a chance to experience the international financial arena.

"Our students will work with [the University of Orleans'] students in an International Finance class that I teach," Payne said. "The traveling dimension of the class is really special, as well as the interaction with students at the university who come from all over the world."

Students will also spend three days in Paris, visiting sites like the Eifel Tower, the Louvre. Before flying back to the U.S., the group will take the Chunnel to London and tour Westminster Abbey, Buckingham Palace, Big Ben and St. Paul's Cathedral.

Students studying agriculture at UTM are being offered the chance to visit Saltillo, Mexico, over spring break, learning about the interactions between U.S. and Mexican farms, Associate Professor of Agriculture and travel study faculty leader Dr. Joey Mehlhorn said.

"We plan to visit everything from small farming units to large scale units, chemical companies and large scale sheep operations," Mehlhorn said. "We will also spend a day touring the research facilities at our partnership university, "Universidad Autónoma Agraria] Antonio Narro."

Dr. Doug Sterrett, dean of the College of Engineering and Natural Sciences and leader of the travel study sailing in the Bahamas, said that prompting from students led him to create the travel study last year with great success.

"The students learn the fundamental techniques of running an off-shore boat, learn navigation and celestial navigation and visit some interesting places," Sterrett said.

"I had the opportunity to go with Dr. Sterrett to a sail boat race and thought it would be a cool idea to spend spring break sailing with him, and he looked

Spring Break Travel Study All Around the World London, England Paris, France New York, USA New Orleans, USA 🖈 Saltillo, Mexico PACER GRAPHICS/JENNIFER DE YESO

some students together who would be interested,

at me and told me to get and he would make it happen," UTM alumnus Brian Boggs said.

# Martin man dies in apartment fire

**Staff Reports** 

Martin resident Earnest Evans died early Saturday afternoon when his Four Seasons apartment caught fire preventing his escape, police said in a release Monday.

Martin Police and Fire Department responded to a 911 call and arrived at 2:21 p.m. to find two of the apartments "fully engulfed in flames," according to

immediately began fighting the fire to attempt entering the residence.

There were no other reported injuries and police said no additional information is available.

Despite the fire, students say they are still interested in living at the apartments located on W. Peach St., across the street from Martin Place Apartments.

Freshman Brooks Champion and Amber Van Tilburg, who were hoping MPD said firefighters to move in this fall or even time of press.

this summer, said the fire hasn't changed their plans.

"I think just because there's a fire, that doesn't affect my decision to go there. They're still one of the cheapest places to live and that's my main reason to go there," said Champion.

"Right now, it's the cheapest so I still plan on moving there," said Van Tilburg, a pre-veterinarian major.

Officials from Four Seasons Apartments were unavailable for comment at

## **SGA:** Continued from Cover

always healthy."

Several campus departments-including Englishinclude sexual orientation in their policies, though no such policy exists universitywide.

public college about 35 miles north of Martin with about the same number of students as UTM—passed in a 7-4 vote on Friday a resolution that includes sexual orientation in the Kentucky university's anti-discrimination policy.

Murray State was the last of Kentucky's public universities to add sexual orientation to its nondiscrimination clause.

three years of work," said Anthony Jones, chairman of the Petition Committee of the MSU Alliance, a student organization that promotes GLBT issues.

'The issue is about accep-The Board of Regents for tance and recognition," Jones Murray State University—a said. "It opens the door for benefits we can reap in the future."

Chris Sanders, president of the Tennessee Equality Project, a group that lobbies the Legislature on gayrights issues, applauded UTM's efforts and offered the group's help to students wanting to lobby UTM administrators.

"Students have to take the lead in their own communi-"This is the high point of ty," Sanders said. "But we're

willing to assist." A handful of colleges in

the state apart from the University of Tennesseeincluding Volunteer State, East Tennessee State, Vanderbilt University and Middle Tennessee State, Tennessee's largest undergraduate college—have already included sexual orientation in their policies.

Sanders, who spoke on the role of gay rights in the larger fight for civil rights during last week's campuswide Civil Rights Conference, said UTM would be the first in the state to include gender identity-protection for transgender students, faculty and staff—in its policy.

# Hangovers threaten spring break fun

**David Hampton** A&E Editor

For many students and other collegeaged people who participate in the festivities normally associated with spring bring, hangovers, the scourge of drinkers around the world, are no stranger.

Hangovers are one, but certainly not the worst, of the risks associated with drink-

To put things into perspective, around 1,700 college students die annually from alcohol-related injuries, including automobile accidents, according to the Web site College Drinking: Changing the Culture, a site created by the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism.

The site also says that about 97,000 students are victims of alcohol-related sexual assault or rape each year.

With such serious risks to consider, it is clear that alcohol must be handled responsibly, and that anyone who chooses to drink should be aware of the dangers.

Director of Student Health Services Shannon Deal said that as a healthcare professional, preventing irresponsible drinking is her primary concern.

"First and foremost I am an advocate of preventing excessive and binge drinking," she said. "Avoiding alcohol consumption is the only way to guarantee prevention." She added that this is the best way to minimize and the only way to prevent hangovers.

However, according to the Mayo Clinic's Web site, enjoying even a few drinks responsibly can result in a hangover the following morning.

According to the site, typical symptoms of a hangover may include fatigue, thirst, headaches and muscle aches, nausea and vomiting, sensitivity to light and sound,

and mood disturbances such as depression, anxiety and irritation, just to name a few.

While the cause of a hangover is drinking too much alcohol, the site also says that drinking one alcoholic beverage alone can be enough to lead to a hangover in some

While the symptoms are generally well known, the physiological causes may not be as evident.

For example, drinking alcohol can cause a drop in blood sugar, which can result in several problems, including weakness, fatigue and shakiness, according to the

One of the perhaps lesser-known causes that the Mayo Clinic site mentions is congeners, which are an ingredient in alcoholic beverages. The site describes congeners as giving flavor to most alcoholic beverages, and states that they are usually more abundant in darker liquors, such as whiskey. Lighter colored liquors such as Vodka and gin are said to contain less congeners.

As far as what to do if you wake up with a hangover, there is no silver bullet, and the only sure way to get rid of a hangover is to wait for it to wear off.

However, the Mayo Clinic site does offer some suggestions for someone feeling the after-effects of a night on the town.

These include eating something nourishing, particularly food with salt to settle your stomach and to get your blood sugar back in balance. Also, food high in fructose can cause the alcohol to be metabolized faster.

Drinking water or fruit juice is also recommended to fight dehydration. However, the common reaction to reach for a hot cup

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#### **Toilets:** Continued from Cover

average each urinal conserves 40,000 gallons of water a year."

Hooten also addressed current projects by UTM to further sustainable infrastructure.

"We are doing a lot of things, most of them are behind the scenes," Hooten said. "We are doing very aggressive remodeling with lighting systems. We are upgrading air conditioning

systems for more efficient and controlled systems, and we have a new project to interconnect more cooling

'Environment is the issue; economy is the issue," Hooten said.

systems.

Hooten said advancements in environmentally friendly technology like waterless urinals have allowed the benefits of such "green" technology to begin to outweigh the costs.

Current models, Hooten said, would cut costs in water and in electricity and other utilities.

'Technology is really impacting vendors throughout the industry," he said. "For example, lighting technology has advanced so that there are bulbs with greater illumination with less wattage produced."



# **Students sound off at Campus Crossfire**

**Staff Reports** 

Gun control is a hot topic and students helped it live up to its reputation last

Students met in Watkins auditorium last Wednesday to debate whether or not and if so the extent to which guns should be banned.

More than 30 students filled the auditorium to attend the Student Activities Council's second Campus Crossfire, representing a wide array of viewpoints.

"I was really pleased with the numbers. Honestly, I hadn't anticipated so many people coming out. I hope to maintain it," said Phil Masengil, Arts, News and Views Committee Chair for

Masengil said he coordinated with Greek Life to offer 'Greek Points' for attendance to SAC's Campus Crossfire forums.

Greek Points are points week's forum. awarded at various events and competitions throughout the year to fraternities and sororities to determine

"It gives students an opportunity to learn and discuss"

- Phil Masengil Arts, New and Views Committee Chair, SAC

the winner of Greek Week in February. Masengil said he hopes that offering Greek Points for these events will help boost Greek involve-

Two fraternities — Sigma Chi and Sigma Phi Epsilon - took advantage of the new opportunity at last

Masengil went on to say he thinks these forums provide a clear cultural and intellectual benefit to stu-

"I think the greatest benefit is that students get to come out and hear opposing viewpoints on these issues from other students as opposed to from professors who have the benefit of being authority figures," said Masengil. "It gives students an opportunity to learn and discuss these issues and hopefully gain a new perspective on current issues and the predominant views of UTM students."

The next Campus Crossfire topic will be "The Morality of the Death Penalty," and the final topic for the fourth forum has yet to be decided. Suggestions should be e-mailed to Masengil at phicmase@

# Lottery scholarship compromise possible

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) Senate Speaker Ron Ramsey has signaled a possible compromise on lottery scholarship retention standards.

The Blountville Republican said Thursday he may agree to let students with a B-minus average keep their grants with a small reduction in the scholarship amount as an incentive to get back to the current B standard.

"You want an incentive to get back, but at the same time they don't have to drop out of school because of it," Ramsey said.

Lawmakers have been debating whether to lower the cumulative grade point average needed to maintain a lottery scholarship.

Under current rules, a student must be enrolled full time in college, have a GPA of at least 2.75 after their freshman year and a cumulative 3.0 GPA for subsequent years to keep the scholarship.

The governor has said he supports lowering the retention GPA to 2.75.

The retention issue was one of the reasons the House and Senate deadlocked on an omnibus lottery bill at the end of last year's session.

The House wanted to lower the retention figure to 2.75, while the Senate version explored other options, such as lowering the retention GPA to 2.75 only for community college students.

However, legislative lead-

ers from both sides of the aisle say they're working out their differences.

House Speaker Jimmy Naifeh, D-Covington, said Thursday he's "willing to ... listen to any proposals that they want to make," but he's unsure about dropping the amount of the lottery scholarships.

Currently, the scholarships are \$4,000 for traditional four-year colleges and \$2,000 for two-year institutions.

House Majority Leader Gary Odom, D-Nashville, also expressed doubt about reducing the amounts.

"The goal should be to help as many Tennesseans as possible get a college education," he said.



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## Senate rejects bill to allow minors to work in establishments where smoking is allowed

 The state Senate on Monday rejected a proposal to allow people younger than 21 to work in restaurants that allow smoking.

The Senate voted 15-8 against the bill sponsored by Sen. Paul Stanley, a Republican. Memphis There were seven absten-

"I don't think it's a step forward for Tennessee, I think it's a step backward for young people," said Sen. Roy Herron, D-Dresden.

The indoor smoking ban that went into effect in October allows an exemption for restaurants and bars that limit access to customers over age 21. But it also

taurants that allow smoking to those 21 or older.

Herron argued that younger people are more susceptible to becoming addicted to tobacco products if they work in an environment where smoking is allowed.

Herron also said that strip club owners want to allow younger workers so they can hire exotic dancers who are under 21.

"I'm not interested in passing legislation that enables 18-year-olds and 19-year-olds to work as exotic dancers," he said.

Stanley called his bill a right-to-work measure.

"It gives those who are

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) restricts employees at res- 18, 19 and 20 - who can legally buy a pack of cigarettes and smoke that pack of cigarettes today - the opportunity to work in a place that they think best suits their employment needs," he said.

> Sen. Charlotte Burks, of Monterey, was one of two Democrats to vote for the proposal.

"I have a college in my town and I had three young people call me just in tears because they lost their jobs," she said. "And they were depending on that job to pay for their college."

"We did these folks a disservice," she said.

### **Civil Rights:** Continued from Cover

"black power" is simply a product of the Civil Rights movement. History divides these movements, and it is misleading. Cleaver made a point to deny that negative perception citing that the party was only a call to initiative and solidarity in the community.

Cleaver mentioned how the party adopted the idea of colonialism. Cleaver stated that the colonization of blacks in both the US and Africa was done by the process of slavery and segregation. African Americans have progressed, but remain economically powerless. The belief of having black faces under white control was another topic that she mentioned.

Cleaver, also the former wife of Black Panther Party leader Eldridge Cleaver, cited examples from the book "The Wretched of the Earth" and how its analysis was important to the movement. She gave accounts of how the party underwent jail time and harassment from the police; including an incident where the police raided her home for illegal guns. Cleaver stated that we can no longer see the progress being made because of the breaking up of community solidarity. "The young black male element is gone," Cleaver stated. "They are not in high school or college but in prison".

The former panther used references from history to support her speech, citing Adam Clayton Powell's Howard University commencement speech, playwright August Wilson's views of self determination

and his play "The Ground of Which I Stand".

Now a professor at Yale University, Cleaver believed that the movement had many dimensions, but that community participation is what effectively made the change. "We need ordinary people to do extraordinary things," Cleaver stated. "When asked if she felt another movement such as the Black Freedom would come again Cleaver was hopeful and inspiring. "The gains of that movement were pushed so far off the charts that we need a revolution to get us back. We're due for another swing on the pendulum," she stated. "Every generation has to discover its mission and then decide if you're willing to embrace it or ignore it."

#### **Hangover:** Continued from page 4

of coffee can actually do more harm than good, because the caffeine can aggravate dehydration by increasing the need for bathroom breaks.

Also, while the site does recommend taking an overthe-counter pain reliever, it also warns that aspirin can

irritate your stomach, and that acetaminophen, when coupled with excessive drinking, can cause severe liver damage.

Perhaps the most promising, and inviting, recom- vention.gov mendation the site has to www.mayoclinic.com offer is to just go back to bed and hope for a more

pleasant awakening next time.

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# Campus Bulletin Board

#### **Pacer Meetings**

Want to write for the student newspaper? Pacer meetings are every Tuesday at 4:00 p.m. in Gooch 309. Come sign up for a story so that you can see your byline in next week's issue of the student newspaper.

#### **Times Talk Tuesday**

"Tibet: Update on Pro-democracy Movements and Other Happenings" is the Times Talk topic this week. Ted Mosch is special guest speaker. The forum will be held today from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in teh Skyhawk Dining, Room 125.

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# FROM THE A&E DESK

**David Hampton** A&E Editor

Since I became the Arts & Entertainment editor for The Pacer last August, I've learned not only about being a section editor for a newspaper, but also a lot about the community on and around the UT Martin campus. I've also learned about the responsibilities that come with representing that community in a publication.

Recently, we received a letter from a student who was dissatisfied with the A&E section, and the student commented specifically on a few matters of how the content of this section is arranged.

We had been talking over a few changes for the section, and upon further investigation, we found that our readers beat us to the punch.

First of all, the letter made mention of the full-page graphic that has graced the first page of the A&E section. It was initially the conclusion of the editorial board, including myself, that placing the graphic on the first page was a good idea because it would grab attention and look more dynamic than standard print layout, and we want the section to be dynamic.

According to the outside feedback we've recently received, though, this is not the case, and we had already suspected as much ourselves. We had discussed moving the graphic to the second page on a few different occasions, and it seems that the time has undeniably come to do so.

There was also mention of photos being placed next to ads, and, while the ads are what make the publication possible, placing the large graphic on the next page will probably reduce how often they are placed next to stories and photos in this section.

And as far as the seemingly random nature of the full-page graphic subjects, these would make more sense if the A&E pages had a subsection devoted to content that dealt more with general lifestyle material rather than A&E coverage.

"We believe that art is valuable at every level of every community, and we hope to reflect that belief the best we can in our newspaper. "

This is something that we'll probably be experimenting with in the upcoming is-

As a side note, I can neither confirm nor deny the rumors that the A&E graphic stories contain subliminal messages designed to promote heathenism and debauchery.

Aside from these mundane factors that go into the making of this section, in order for the A&E pages to be worth the paper they're printed on there has to be good coverage of the arts on campus and in the community, including all facets of artwork and entertain-

The making of the A&E section, like the work concerning any publication, is a group effort, and we often bounce ideas around the office about things we can include that people will care about or at least feel inclined to read. Outside perspective is always a valuable asset, and often offers insight that we may overlook or, as has happened on a few occasions, have doubts about. We appreciate your input.

As much as the staff can be held responsible for the content, it is also worthy of note that we depend on students to cover events and stories, and sometimes our resources are limited. The blame also lies within the student body's lack of interest in covering the arts in the community, and thus, it reflects poorly on the contributions submitted to The Pacer because it often lacks diversity.

And of course, we are proud of and appreciate the students who make UTM a more interesting place with their visual artwork, dramatic performances, music, creative writing and everything else that serves as an escape from the haphazard toil and tisk of the everyday routine.

We at The Pacer believe that art, in its myriad forms, is valuable at every level of every community, and we hope to reflect that belief the best we can in our newspaper.

After all, to quote George Bernard Shaw, "Without art, the crudeness of reality would make the world unTrevor Ruszkowski, University Relations come to try out.

The cast of Vanguard Theatre's production 'A Murder is Announced" perform an adaptation of the classic Agatha Christie mystery novel. Vanguard's next performance will be "Sylvia," and will take place April 25 to 27. Auditions will be held March 17 and 18, and all students are wel-

# 'A Murder is Announced'

Vanguard Theatre performs an Agatha Christie classic

LaToya Brent Pacer Writer

Vanguard Theatre once again brought suspense and mystery to the UT Martin campus, this time with their production of "A Murder is Announced," a play based on the novel by Agatha Christie.

The murder mystery, set in England, opened in the home of the main character, Letitia Blacklock, played by Karen Saldana. Her niece Julia, nephew Patrick, and close friend Dora Bunner are seen in the drawing room engaging in general conversation and reading over the daily newspaper. Ms. Bunner, referred to as Bunny, notices an announcement in the newspaper of a murder that was to take place in Letitia's house at 6:30 that same night. As she reads the advertisement aloud, the characters become worried and frightened, wondering if any one of them might die in a matter of hours. The housemaid, Mitzi, played by Mary Beth French, is the most frightened by the news as she is a refugee who thinks someone is always watching her.

The make-up, costumes, set design and accents were effective at drawing the audience into the setting. Three of the main characters are older women and the make-up made their age believable. The English accents used by all characters were impressively authentic, and the housemaid had an incredibly believable Russian accent.

The characters try to go on with their evening and make the announcement out to be nothing more than a joke. They rationalize their own lists of suspects.

that no one in their right mind would announce that they were going to commit a murder. As the hour of the supposed murder approaches, the residents of the house receive a few visitors. The visitors should more rightly be called spec-

"I'm very proud of the work done on this production. We were able to put together a really good cast."

- Ken Zimmerman Vanguard Theatre Director

tators. They include an inquisitive friend, Miss Marple, a snooty mother and son team, Mrs. Swettenham and Edmund Swettenham, and a young widowed mother, Phillipa Haymes.

In true murder mystery form, when the clock hits 6:30 the lights go out and a man enters the room with a flashlight and orders everyone to put their hands up. Soon after this, shots are fired and someone falls to the floor.

A police investigation is conducted by Inspector Craddock, played by Jay Campbell. He finds that Letitia is about to come into an inheritance from an old friend. This friend has relatives who think the money should rightfully go to them. This provides a motive for murder, and suddenly everyone becomes a suspect.

During intermission the audience was buzzing with and Theatre Arts.

this thought with the idea Everyone had a different character in their minds that they thought were responsible for trying to kill Letitia. This made the audience eager to get back to the play and find out exactly who had the intention to

> In the last scene of the play, just as everyone thinks they have figured out who the criminal is, the action takes an unexpected twist. Miss Marple, played by Natalie Horbelt, had hidden in the house and put together clues of her own. She deduces that a certain character is behind everything that has taken place. The audience then learns that this person is not even who she has been portrayed to be.

> The audience seemed to really enjoy this classic whodunit. The climax was a surprise to everyone. Director Ken Zimmerman said that the cast did a great job of keeping the identity of the criminal a secret.

> "I'm very proud of the work done on this production," Zimmerman said. "We were able to put together a really good cast."

The character of Mrs. Swettenham and her son were played by Leighanna Sims and Nick Mounts, the intruder with the flashlight by Hadi Alradhi and the police inspector by Robert Crockett.

Ine entire cast gave a stellar performance.

The Vanguard will be hosting another production, "Sylvia," April 25 to 27. Auditions will be held March 17 and 18 and are open to all students. For more information contact the Department of Visual

## **Italian restaurant 'Veranda' comes to Martin**

Owners plan to offer community a new kind of restaurant

Whitney Sullivan Pacer Writer

An Italian restaurant will open next month near campus, the restaurant's own-

Owners Jimmy and Angela Sinus told The Pacer on Monday that their new restaurant-called Veranda-will be located on Lovelace Avenue where the King of Wings hot wings restaurant once operated.

The building, which is only feet from the eastern edge of campus, has been vacant since King of Wings went out of business last semester.

Veranda will feature a broad selection of traditional Italian dishes, including pizza (with hand-tossed and old-fashioned thin crusts as choices, modeled after a pizza restaurant popular in Martin during the 1960s), pasta, meat and seafood, the owners said. The restaurant will also serve breakfast.

The owners said they intend to apply for a liquor license.

The Sinuses are the previous owners and

operators of the Catfish Restaurant and Steak House on Main Street.

Although the Sinuses have never owned and operated an Italian restaurant before, they have more than 30 years' experience in the restaurant business. Before owning the Catfish Restaurant and Steak House, they owned restaurants in McKenzie and Brownsville.

While Jimmy Sinus loved owning the Catfish Restaurant and Steak House, he disliked the stereotype surrounding a buffet-style restaurant.

Sinus said fighting against the stereotype that buffet restaurants don't have fresh ingredients was disenchanting. He also said he became frustrated that people didn't realize the Catfish Restaurant also sold Angus steaks.

Because of these reasons, Sinus decided to open a restaurant where all food is served table-side, which he said will "create a special touch for each person."

"We cannot wait until the restaurant opens," Jimmy Sinus said. "We know it will be a success."

Even though Sinus has never operated an Italian restaurant, his friends own about

Getting by with a little help from his friends, he's structured the menu around proven recipes, he said. Sinus said he's hired cooks who have ex-

perience in preparing the food he will offer at Veranda. And he's dedicated to success; Sinus re-

cently signed a 25-year lease and is renovating the 60-year-old building's exterior and interior.

Sinus plans on the food being very affordable and high quality. He plans on a great atmosphere and comfortable seating.

"It makes me happy to make others happy which is why I like being in the restaurant business. Everyone loves to eat," Sinus

The transformation from a hot wings joint to a tasteful Italian restaurant has been in the works for about six weeks.

Sinus said he's also working on the parking situation currently. He hopes to add additional parking behind the building.

Restaurant hours are not certain yet, but they plan on opening at 6 a.m. to serve breakfast. The closing time is undecided at this point. Sinus already has a kitchen staff lined up but will be looking to hire servers, hosts and other floor help when the remodeling is completed.



#### Author's latest novel takes an uncharacteristic approach

**Heather Peterson** Pacer Writer

"Burn this book. Go on. Quickly, there's still time."

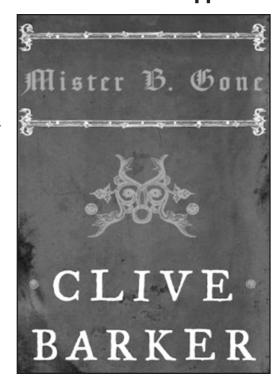
Thus begins "Mister B. Gone," the latest novel by Člive Barker. It is not every day you have a book asking and then demanding you burn it, but that's how the book is written. The book speaks to you, asking for you to destroy it, making offers and

even threatening you. Fans of Barker, whose past successes are known for their macabre style, may be disappointed.

Barker is best known by most for "Hellraiser," the screen adaptation of his book "The Hellbound Heart." Fans of those works may enjoy this book for its dark portrayal of a pivotal point in human history, which has the common element of good and evil meddling in the lives of

However, "Mister B. Gone" isn't really scary in the sense that "Hellraiser" was, and I actually found some parts of it darkly amusing in a morbid kind of way. True fans will feel let down by this book, and it had such potential if Barker would have gone more into his characters and gave us more insight. There were no twists, not even halfway through, and the ending was blatantly obvious.

It was a bit too gruesome for my liking, but it had to be done. Jakabok Botch, a demon from the Ninth Circle of Hell, is inside the book and is trying to make you burn it. I have read many of Barkers books, and I greatly enjoy how he portrays evil and sinister beings, but in this one, demons were demons—they had no



guises. This disappointed me a little. The other thing that I felt a little let down by was the constant stopping in the middle of the story with Mister B. asking, pleading, bribing and threatening the reader to burn the book. In the beginning it hooked me, but after a while it annoyed

If this was my first Clive Barker book, I don't think I would have felt as let down. However, seeing as I have read most of his books, this one left me wanting more. Not to say it wasn't good; I'm sure if this is someone's first taste of Barker's writing they will be pleasantly surprised by his other works.

top 5 excuses for getting out of work



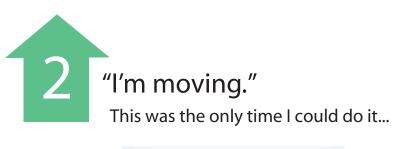
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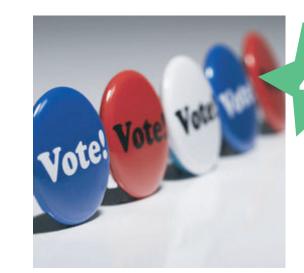
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"Gas prices are too high."

And I don't get paid enough to drive to work...





"I'm going on the campaign trail."

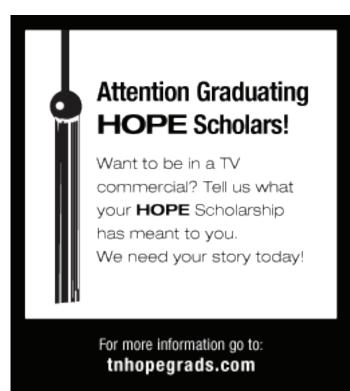
It's an Obama-nation, you know...



I'm visiting grad schools.
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## **From the Geek Corner Anticipation well-deserved**

"The iPhone

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development."

The rumor mill is churning once again over the most highly anticipated Apple, Inc. release since the iPhone, it's SDK.

In order to clarify why this release is so important allow me to take a moment to explain what SDK is. Essentially, SDK stands for software development kit.

It is the coding which, once received, will give a programmer the base code in order to create their own applications and programs which will work on the iPhone and its operating system.

For so long Apple has had to deal with

users wanting more from their iPhone.

From its conception, there were basic problems with this. Of course, there was the original controversy con-

cerning the iPhone only being able to work with AT&T and their network.

Then this issue evolved the ability to have third party apps, or programs from companies and individuals who are not affiliated with Apple.

This issue is so large in scale because many Apple users rate their Apple experience based on the amazing third party applications which are Apple only and highly used by Mac owners. These same Apple fans who bought an iPhone expected these same sort of applications and a similar experience, yet for some



Jon-Michael St. Amant Technology Columnist

time now, they have had to

Now, as the official release date of the iPhone SDK nears, the excitement around this new release is growing exponentially as each day passes.

The SDK is going to be great for Apple and iPhone users. Hundreds of applications are expected which means more people who are holding off buying an

iPhone expected to make the switch. This means a rise in Apple stock prices as well as a higher level of satisfaction from iPhone users.

The iPhone SDK marks a major leap in iPhone development. Typically, with this sort of move the users have the power to enhance a product in unforeseen ways.

If you are an iPhone owner then the iPhone SDK is definitely something worth looking into and keeping an eye on. Additionally, iPod Touch users may benefit from this sort of software as well.

In any case, keep an eye out for this major new announcement it will certainly mark a major chance in the Apple world.

# Technology Editor

Charlie McIntosh

An Internet outage this weekend resulted in a hectic two days for Technology services, and an interesting final examination for students taking Senior exit

Campus-wide Internet returned services Sunday afternoon after a malfunction in the central core routing switch left Net services unavailable in multiple buildings on campus, including the testing rooms in Clement

"I've never seen anything like it in 20 years," said UTM Telecommunications Manager Mark McAlpin. "If you were to compare our networks to the cardiovascular system, then we basically had a heart attack."

Initially ITS thought the problem was within the lab clusters. After resetting all a new central core router.

of the servers and shutting everything off piece by piece, the problem was isolated to the central core router.

"To fix the router, we essentially had

back on, but a lot of time consuming preparation has to be made before we can actually do that," McAlpin said. "After we plugged it back in, everything seemed to be running fine."

McAlpin added that without the Internet. because UTM doesn't want this problem to happen again, figures are being gathered for the purchase of

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Net outage wreaks havoc on ITS and cuts into exit exams

disconnect it and turn it new router within the next couple of weeks."

Sharon Robertson, the assistant director of the Student Success Center, said she is grateful to ITS for helping students to continue their exit exams

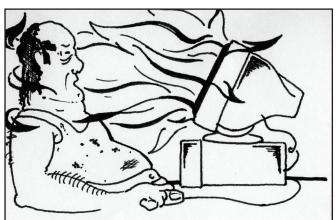
"The SSC testing center was administering the senior major field exam in the lab this past weekend when the network went down. The ITS staff were promptly aware of the problem and worked until the problem was fixed. The students taking the major field exam were not delayed and the test went as planned.

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"The tech department did M c A l p i n an outstanding job trying to help us work around the Net malfunctions," Robertson said. "We were able to hold all 187 examinations over the weekend and have already sent in three more

> "We wouldn't have been able to do that without ITS guiding us."

# Addiction level might be too difficult for gamers to beat



**Heather Peterson** Pacer Writer

Online games destroying lives and causing relationships to come to an end. That's right, a game is being blamed for people getting divorced. Specifically, some are blaming World of Warcraft as to why they are getting

Bruce Medler admits to skipping class and has even played the game for 20 hours straight.

game is "Yes the addictive but I don't think it has ruined my life," says Medler. Another gamer on campus Joshua Busey said: "I know it has ruined some peoples lives but it hasn't ruined mine." Busey admits to playing the game 26 hours straight.

One reason people say the game is so addictive is that there is no actual end to the game. With new expansions due to come out

and regular updates that add new quests the game never ends.

According to the game's website "World of Warcraft is a massively multiplayer online role-playing game (MMORPG). In World of Warcraft, thousands of players adventure together in an enormous persistent game world, forming slaying friendships, monsters and engaging in epic quests that can span days or weeks."

All the people who were asked about the game admit to it being addictive, but they don't think it is ruining their lives.

They admit to skipping class, but people skip class for less. Considering the other options for addictions is playing a game that bad.

There are blogs and articles floating around on the Internet from former players saying it ruined their lives, that instead of doing other things they

enjoyed that they just sat in front of their computer. post suggestions saying Some blame the game for their weight gain, loss of jobs, lack of friends and yes the reason their significant other left them.

Yet there are just as many writings floating around scoffing the idea that a game can ruin lives.

Many gamers point out that they have normal lives, they work at successful jobs, they are in good shape, enjoy sports and yes have happy healthy relationships.

Some of the gamers say it is something to do to pass the time, while waiting to get a real job. But is it really an addiction? If someone could be addicted to shopping then it is just as possible to be addicted to playing a MMORPG.

Since not everyone who plays the game is addicted to the game, then shouldn't with person addiction be looked at more closely?

Maybe the person playing the game just needs an escape from the real world or wants to be in control of something.

addictions then, doesn't Maybe some people iust have an addictive personality, that if it wasn't World of Warcraft then it could have been The Sims, Halo or any other game out there that let them escape from this world for awhile.

Some advocates for reform why not have a time limit restriction, calling it a drug saying they are knowingly and intentionally creating a game that is addictive to people who can't control themselves.

And that is the point of the side who doesn't want change, if it is ruining some peoples lives then they had something wrong with their lives to begin with and blaming a game is just pointless.

With more than 7 million players world active wide, there needs to be a distinction between casual gamers and hardcore gamers, but even then the real differences between them isn't the amount of time they play it's if they are shut-ins or do they remember to go outside of the game and have a real life too.

Some people feel that any game, if played too much, can have fatal consequences. World of Warcraft is hardly new; EverQuest and EVE before it have both been blamed for ruining lives.

EverQuest was even Sounds like other blamed for the death one of its members when he took his own life.

The mother of the victim created the site http:// www.olganonboard.org/ a religious based 12 step program to help other people get over their online addiction.

# www.shoutcast.com

**David Hampton** A&E Editor

There are a lot of sites that features data streaming technology on the Internet, and many of them advertise free internet radio.

One of the more outstanding of these sites is SHOUTcast, which allows you to choose among thousands of stations from around the world.

SHOUTcast, from Nullsoft, the creators of Winamp, requires only that users download Winamp media player, and then any of the stations can be listened to by either choosing them from the site or straight from the Winamp player.

The listing of the stations includes the formats and a brief description of the stations' styles. Also, the bitrates and number of listeners tuned in to any given station is also given, along with the song that is currently playing.

To make finding your favorite music easy, and

to make sure the sound quality is up to your standards, the page offers a search protocol that you can use to search by genre and by bitrate. For an even faster search, the listings offer drop-down boxes for a "quick genre" search, which allow users to select from over a dozen common station formats and genres of music.

The site also has a section dedicated to play statistics, which shows how many plays the stations have including accumulated, stats for total time spent listening, total tune-ins, and total five-minute tune-ins. This makes it easy to find the most popular stations for your favorite type of music.

SHOUTcast is s good place to find a radio station to meet your needs on the Web. And since it's from the makers of Winamp, it is clear that they understand the importance of music.

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# **Skyhawks begin march to national exposure with first round home OVC tournament game**

John Summers Sports Editor

The UT Martin men's basketball team is set to host Samford on Tuesday night at 7 p.m. in the Elam Center in the first round of the Ohio Valley Conference tournament.

The Skyhawks finished the OVC regular season with an 11-9 record, one game ahead of Samford, Tennessee State, Tennessee Tech and Eastern Kentucky. The 11 victories were good for fourth place in the conference and allowed them to host a first round game.

"We realize the importance of having a home game in the first round of the tournament. It's an excellent opportunity," said Skyhawk head coach Bret Campbell.

UTM defeated Samford both times the teams faced off during the regular season. On Jan. 5, freshman guard Marquis Weddle's 17 points led UTM to a 63-49 home victory. The Skyhawks also defeated Samford 61-43 on the road on Jan. 24. Junior guard Lester Hudson had 20 points, 10 rebounds and five assists in the victory.

EventhoughtheSkyhawks defeated Samford by a combined 32 points in their two previous meetings this season, the conference tournament is a completely different scenario.

"Samford will come in well-prepared. It's always hard to beat a team three times in one season, but we're ready," Campbell said.

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Lester Hudson dunks the ball in a game earlier this season. (University Relations/Trevor Ruszkowski)

Other first round matchups include top seed Austin Peay hosting Eastern Kentucky, Murray State hosting Tennessee Tech and Morehead State hosting Tennessee State. These games will also be played on Tuesday.

The winners of the first round games will advance to the semifinals which will be played Friday night in the Municipal Auditorium in Nashville.

The OVC tournament the NCAA tournament and

final will be held at 4 p.m. Saturday and will be televised on ESPN2. The winner receives an automatic berth in the 65-team NCAA Men's Basketball Championship, more widely known as March Madness.

'We need to make sure that we win here so that we can go to Nashville and take advantage of this opportunity. We're three wins away from making being on CBS. That would be monumental for UTM." Campbell said.

The only OVC team likely to make it to the NCAA tournament is the team that claims the OVC title because almost all of the teams in the OVC have a low RPI (Rating Percentage Index) ranking.

The RPI is a measure of a team's strength of schedule and the team's record against that schedule. It is a tool used in selecting and seeding the NCAA tournament. If two teams that are being considered for a berth in the tournament or even for a certain seeding have similar records, the selection committee tends to give the spot or seed to the team with the better

The Skyhawks' current RPI rank is 217 in the nation. Austin Peav has the best RPI rank of any OVC team at 90. Most at-large teams (teams that do not win the conference tournament) need an RPI under 60 to have a good chance of being selected to the tournament.

Although an amazing opportunity is ahead of the team, they have to start with a home victory over Samford.

"The biggest help we can get is from the student body. We need everyone to come out and support us if they can. This is a great opportunity, not just for the team, but for the university as a whole, and it all has to begin with a first round win over Samford," Campbell said.

# **Softball wins three games** at home over the weekend

UTM Athletic Communications

The UT Martin softball team went a perfect 3-0 on the first day of the Hospitality House Classic this weekend.

The Skyhawks picked up wins over Dartmouth 6-5, Ball State 4-3 and Indiana State 3-1. Laurie Lindow collected a pair of gamewinning hits, while Megan Williams and Chelsea Cary both launched home runs on the day.

In the first game of the day against Dartmouth, Williams led the bottom of the sixth inning off with a double. Lindow drove her in with a single up the middle for what would turn out to be the game-winning run. Paij Lintz earned the win, moving her record to 3-2 on the season.

In the game against Ball State, Cary launched a two-run homer in the bottom of the seventh to tie the game and force it into extra innings. In the ninth inning, Savannah Roberts came home for the gamewinner when Kara Harper came through with a walkoff single.

Senior Ashton Strode captured the win and pushed her record to 3-2 on the year. With eight strikeouts in the game, Strode also moved into a tie for fifth on the UTM career strikeout list with 225 in only her third season. After picking up two more strikeouts on Sunday, she is 77 strikeouts shy of Kendra Kosco's alltime record of 304.

Against Indiana State, the Skyhawks used a three-run

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fourth inning to come from behind for the win. In that inning, Lindow hit a baseclearing double down the right field line to bring in three Skyhawks base runners. Harper earned the win to move her record to an even 2-2 on the year.

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"Our pitching was outstanding today and we got some very timely hits when we really needed them," said Skyhawk head coach Donley Canary. "We have played well the last two weekends, and it is good to see us playing the way we are capable. Now we will try to keep it going with two more tough games tomorrow."

The team, however, suffered a pair of setbacks on Sunday. They fell to Minnesota 6-0 and Northern Iowa 10-2.

The Skyhawks are now 8-8 on the year and will play eight games in the Rebel Games beginning Saturday and going through Tuesday in Orlando, Fla.



**PaijLintzpicksupherthird** win over the weekend. (University Relations/ Trevor Ruszkowski)

